

Monument painted red

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## Former Soviet prisoner charged

MONTREAL (CP) — Erik Heine of Toronto, who spent nine years in a Russian prison camp as a political prisoner, was arraigned yesterday in municipal court on a charge of defacing a monument in front of the Soviet pavilion at Expo 67.

The 47-year-old naturalized Canadian and former native of Estonia pleaded not guilty to the charge and his hearing was set for May 16 by Judge Pascal Lachapelle.

Heine, of Mount Olive Street, was arrested by Expo security guards Saturday after the Soviet monument was defaced with red paint. The word Freedom also was painted on it in large letters.

Last fall Heine took a \$110,000 slander action against Juri Raus of Washington, D.C., contending that Raus had spread word among fellow Estonians that Heine was a Soviet agent. Heine is prominent in North American Estonian groups.

Raus, a resident of Hyattsville, Md., said he himself was an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Baltimore judge who heard the case dismissed the action on grounds that Raus has a "privilege against liability for defamation" because he acted within the

scope of his employment by an agency of the United States when he slandered Heine.

At the arraignment yesterday Gilles Duguay, Heine's lawyer, asked that a nominal bail be set to guarantee his client's appearance before the court on May 16. He said Heine had suffered much for

his beliefs before coming to Canada.

Judge Lachapelle said that while he sympathized with the accused, the charge against him was a serious one.

"The property of foreign nationals at Expo must be respected," the judge said in fixing Heine's bail at \$500 cash.

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